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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kojima et al.

Serial No.: 10/773,573

Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: February 9, 2004

Examiner: Joshua T. Kennedy

For: SECURING CLIP

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The Abstract has been amended and claims 12 - 20 are added. Claims 1 and 14 are independent.